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Serial No. : 09/233,443 Group Art Unit: 1617  
Filed : January 20, 1999 Examiner: Webman, E.  
For : ENCAPSULATION OF SENSITIVE LIQUID  
COMPONENTS INTO A MATRIX TO OBTAIN  
DISCRETE SHELF-STABLE PARTICLES

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1. U.S. Serial No. 09/595,244, filed June 16, 2000, for Oligosaccharide  
Encapsulated Mineral and Vitamin Ingredients, inventors Steven J. Leusner, <sup>Amile</sup>  
Lakkis, Bernhard H. van Lengerich and Thomas Jarl.

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2. U.S. Serial No. 09/595,121, filed June 16, 2000, for Production of Oil Encapsulated Minerals and Vitamins In a Glassy Matrix, inventors Bernard H. van Lengerich and Jamileh Lakkis. *PART TC 1700*

3. U.S. Serial No. 09/596,543, filed June 19, 2000, for Nutrient Clusters for Food Products and Methods of Preparation, inventors Bernard H. van Lengerich, Jamileh Lakkis and James Borek. *PART TC 1700*

4. U. S. Serial No. 09/673,983, filed October 12, 2000, for Encapsulation of Components Into Edible Products, inventor Bernhard H. van Lengerich. *TRAN LIGN TC 1700*

5. U.S. Serial No. 09/782,320, filed February 13, 2001, for Embedding and Encapsulation of Controlled Release Particles, inventor Bernhard H. van Lengerich. *TRAN LIGN TC 1700*

The enclosed copy of the November 8, 1999 Supplementary European Search Report for related European Application 97912825 is relied upon as a statement of the pertinency of the references cited therein. *known 060266 AU 1616*

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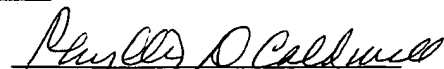
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